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Response to Office Action

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: John G. Crandall et al.
Serial No.: 10/666,293
Filed: September 18, 2003
For: Optimization Expert System

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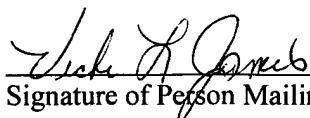
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FEET TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)
435.00

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Application Number	10/666,293
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First Named Inventor	Crandall et al.
Examiner Name	George B. Davis
Art Unit	2129
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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

<u>Application Type</u>	<u>FILING FEES</u>		<u>SEARCH FEES</u>		<u>EXAMINATION FEES</u>		<u>Fees Paid (\$)</u>
	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee (\$)</u>	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEESFee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

<u>Total Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>
35	- 20 or HP = 15	x 25.00	= 375.00		50	25

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

<u>Indep. Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>	<u>Multiple Dependent Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>
1	- 3 or HP =	x	=		360	180

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.

3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

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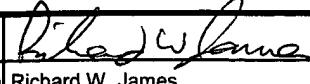
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4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): 1 Month Extension of Time \$60.00

SUBMITTED BY

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